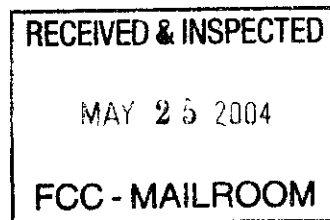


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Ms. Dortch:

Allow this letter to serve as a public comment on Rulemaking Petition #10960 (RM-10960). I strongly object to a number of rule changes being sought by Dallas, Texas-based First Broadcasting, L.L.C. concerning radio facility modifications and allocations.

The proposed changes sought by First Broadcasting come as our rural community is faced with an unknown future concerning our two local radio stations (WAXZ FM and WAOL FM). WAXZ is licensed to Georgetown, Ohio, the seat of Brown County. WAOL is licensed to Ripley, Ohio, a rural community bordering on the Ohio River in Brown County.

Both radio stations were purchased by First Broadcasting late January, 2004. However, only after First Broadcasting purchased the stations did the previous owner, Richard L. Plessinger, file to change WAXZ's city of license to Salt Lick, Kentucky; and WAOL's city of license to Amelia, Ohio. The general public is unaware of these proposed changes as no mention of it has appeared in local weekly newspapers, nor on WAXZ or WAOL.

If the FCC approves these applications the county will be left without a radio station. To fill that void, WRAC FM in West Union, Ohio has reportedly agreed to relocate its city of license to Georgetown. However, there is no intention of moving the station itself to Brown County, only the transmission tower.

KELE AM in Mountain Grove, Missouri, has also reportedly agreed to relocate to Ripley, Ohio. It is interesting to point out two aspects that appear bogus about this agreement. (1) KELE would be forced to change its

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call letters to begin with a "W" in order to relocate to Ripley, Ohio. (2) KELE is currently on 1360 AM in Mountain Grove, Missouri, a frequency which is currently used by a station in Cincinnati. Further, in a personal conversation with KELE's general manager on May 15, 2004, he stated that current owner Quorum Radio Partners knew of the agreement but had no intention of moving the station to Ripley, Ohio.

I maintain that Brown County will be left with no local service. The FCC's approval to rule changes being sought by First Broadcasting will further remove the public from having a voice in matters pertaining to cities of licenses in the future.

The FCC has formed a Task Force on Localism which states, "Broadcasters are considered public trustees, afforded their spectrum so that they may serve the needs and interests of their communities of license. The obligation to provide such service is fundamental."

Please consider my comments and personal objection when weighing your decision on RM-10960.

Sincerely,

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